SI. No. Name of the Salvage Depots

12. 11 FOD, C/O 56 APO
13. COD Agra
14. COD Jabalpur
15. CODKanpur
16. OD Allahabad
17. OTG Pathankot
18. 1 FOD, C/O 56 APO
19. 2 FOD, C/O 56 APO
20. 3 Inf. DOU, C/O 56 APO

Naral Academy in Ezhimala

1248. SHRI E. BALANANDAN- Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present position regarding *the* construction of the Naval Academy in Ezhimala;

(b) whether Government have acquired the required land;

(c) whether the persons who have been ev crid for the project have been rehabiliated, if *not* what steps are being taken . in this regard;

(d) by when the Academy is likely to be commissioned; and

(e) *what are* the reasons for delay in the construction? work ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) and (b) The Land required for the propsed Naval Academy at Ezhimala has been acquired by the Government. The construction works can commence only after preparation of the Master Plan/Detailed Project Report by the Selected Architects and the sanction of the cos-esfimates for Phase I of the Project by the Government.

(c) The rehabilitation of the ousted families has been undertaken by the State Government.

(d) and (e) The timeframe for completion of Phase I of the Project can be determined only after the Master Plan/Detailed Project Report have been prepared and the Project sanctioned.

Revision of referesfament charges to N.C.C. Cadets

1249. SHRI M- VINCENT : PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to revise the referesnment charges paid to the N.C.C. Cadets on parade days and during training period in view of the high cost of food; and

(b) whether Govers-ment also proposed to revise the daily food allowance for the annual camps and other campr of N.C.C. in view of the importance of N.C.C. activities ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) The refreshment charges for N.C.C. cadets on parade days are revised on the recommendation of the Joint

State Representatives & Directors (JSR&D) Conference. The JSR&D Conference has not made any recommendation in this regard so far.

(b) JSR&D Conference has re-commenfled an increase of messing allowance from Rs. 10 to Rs. 15 per cadet per day for attending NCC camps. Revision of such tates of allowance require the prior concurranc of a majority of the State Governments and Union territory Administrations (UTAs). The State Governments and UTAs have been requested to the enchanced rate.

Conversion of leased defence lands into free hold.

1250. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE bepleased to state :

(a) what is the criteria for conversion of leased land into free hold where such lands are not required for defence and public purposes in various cantonments and in occupation of civilians, retired defence personnel and others for residential and commercial purposes;

(b) what arc the details of the prescribed conversion charges for such land/sites and the competent authorities empowered to sanction such conversions; and

(c) what are the names of the cantonments and their Administra tors/Management authorities cantonment wise ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENC (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (c) For purpose of administration, areas with in Cantonments are divided into two categories.

Bazar Areas or Notified Civil Areas and Bungalow Areas consiting of bungalows of Government as well as private citizens. Land in the Bazar Areas held on Old Grant terms, surplus to Defence requirements, can be converted into Freehold if not required for any public purposes, on payment of charges which are equal *to* 40 times the standard table of rents i.e., at open market rates.

Conversion into Free-bold will be restricted to the actual built up areas, including such open spaces as are too small to be independently leased out and will also be subject to the land ceiling laws.

Sites held on lease under the Government Land Administration Rules, which are not required for any Defence or other public purposes, can also be converted into Free-hold on payment of full market value of the land, allowing a rebate equal to the part of the premium proportionate to the unexpired portion of the lease.

The facility for conversion of lease-hold into free-hold is not available in respect of Bungalow Areas.

The competent authority to sanction the conversion of lease-hold into free-hold is the Ministry of Defence.

There are 62 Cantonments, as given in the Statement (See *below).* Cantonment Boards are statutory bodies with elected representatives and an equal number of officials who are ex-officio members. The Station Commander serves as the ex-officio President of the Cantonment Board. The GOC-in-C of the Army Command has statutory and administrative powers to regulate the functioning of the Cantonments. The GOC-in-C functions under the overall supervision and control of the Central Government. The day-to-day administration of the Cantonments is carried out by a Cantonment Executive Officer appointed for each Cantonment by the Central Government.